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#### FROM THE SQUADRON COMMANDER

Lt Col David Jadwin



Please read the Memo from the CAP National Commander regarding safety for cadet activities on page 2 – specifically encampments and National Cadet Special Activities (NCSA). All members should read the letter, as well as the comments from our Wing Commander preceeding it.

If you are attending an encampment or NCSA this summer, please follow the directions in the Memo and complete the courses as described. Then, bring a copy of the certification/completion to the next NCS meeting for documentation. **DO THIS BEFORE YOU DEPART FOR THE EVENT!** If you are not attending an encampment or NCSA, there is no reason why you cannot complete this training too.

I encourage all of our members to remain vigilant and proactive about safety and to have an acute awareness of activities that could bring a higher risk of injury. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, or our Safety Officer, Lt Col Dinsmore.

#### CAP NV WING COMMANDER

Col Ralph Miller



The National Commander has issued the attached letter imposing new safety requirements on cadets attending cadet special activities.

These new requirements are designed to keep our cadets safe. In brief, cadets will need to take Basic ORM. If there will be flight activities, they will also have to view the Ground Handling Video and take the Essential Aerodynamics course.

Before you panic that your cadets are already packed and leaving, let me assure you that the National Commander recognizes the short notice, and there are “fallback plans.” If cadets cannot get the work done, there will be “remedial training” at the encampment or activity to get them up-to-date. Nobody will be sent home.

On the other hand, this is not an excuse for inaction. Please advise your cadets who are attending special activities of the requirements and help them get the job done wherever reasonable. Cadets will need to create a free AOPA account to obtain access to the Essential Aerodynamics course – AOPA is reputable and that is safe.

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**MEMORANDUM FOR ALL NATIONAL CADET SPECIAL ACTIVITY DIRECTORS,  
REGION AND WING ENCAMPMENT COMMANDERS, AND PARTICIPATING CADETS**

**SUBJECT: Interim Change Letter-Increased Safety Requirements for Cadet Activities**

1. As you are well aware, we are committed to developing a strong safety program for our organization. Moreover, we are committed to embedding a safety "culture" in the accomplishment of all missions entrusted to us by Congress and the United States Air Force. Accordingly, I asked members of my National Staff, from a variety of functional areas, to recommend additional safety training and requirements for National Cadet Special Activities (NCSAs) and Wing and Region Encampments. I have elected to do so in the best interests of the health, safety, and general welfare of our youth and our adult volunteer leaders. I realize these requirements are comprehensive and shortnotice, so please accept my sincere thanks in advance for your patience and cooperation. NCSA Directors and Wing and Region Encampment Commanders will appoint a Safety Officer to assist in accomplishing the requirements outlined below, to conduct daily safety briefings, and to maintain pertinent training records.

a. Completion of the Required Staff Training (RST) Program is currently a requirement for activity directors and staff. A portion of RST requires participants to complete the Basic Operational Risk Management (ORM) Course. I am adding the requirement for activity directors and staff to also complete the Intermediate ORM course if they have not already done so. Additionally, I am adding the requirement for students to complete the Basic ORM course before attending the activity. For activity directors, please note that part of the ORM course contains instructions on the requirement to complete an ORM Worksheet for activities. Please complete this worksheet at your planned activities. You can also use it to evaluate and document safety mishaps that occurred at your specific event last year, if that information is readily available.

b. The on-line ORM Course is located at: <http://www.capmembers.com/safety/orm.cfm>.

Students and staff can view the ORM worksheet at:

[http://capmembers.com/media/cms/V1\\_Tab3\\_94277D5C1AA7E.pdf](http://capmembers.com/media/cms/V1_Tab3_94277D5C1AA7E.pdf)

c. In addition to the above, for all cadet activities involving flying, students and staff will view the "Ground Handling" video before attending the activity. The video is located at:

<https://www.capnhq.gov/CAP.MultiMedia.Web/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fCAP.MultiMedia.Web%2fVideo.aspx>. Students and staff will also complete "Essential Aerodynamics" an on-line course and test (with certificate) available from AOPA Air Safety Foundation located at:

[https://www.aopa.org/asf/osc/loginform.cfm?course=aerodynamics&project\\_code=&](https://www.aopa.org/asf/osc/loginform.cfm?course=aerodynamics&project_code=&)

d. For any activity that involves gliders, students and staff will complete the "Wing Runner Course" before attending that activity. The course is available at:

<http://www.soaringsafety.org/school/wingrunner/toc.htm>

2. Once again, my sincere thanks to the volunteer leaders of our Cadet Programs and my thanks to the youth that you mentor. Together, we can develop a safety culture stronger than any volunteer organization.

AMY S. COURTER  
Major General, CAP  
National Commander

## **NCS Commander David Jadwin**

**To ALL MEMBERS**

**Subject "Essential Aerodynamics" course**

I just completed my AOPA "Essential Aerodynamics" course online. It took me about an hour. Yes, you 'could' go through it faster, but you may have a difficult time passing the test at the end of the course.

You will have to register and create your own AOPA online account. In addition to this course, there are a number of other courses that you may want to take to improve your aerospace understanding for achievement tests, emergency services or flight training. AOPA will keep a transcript of what courses you've completed.

There are 10 sections to complete in this course. However, you may stop and save at any time!

One thing that surprised me was that it asked me for my Pilot's License Number in order to complete the course.

If you don't have a pilot's license – please do the following: Enter your 6-digit CAP Identification Number.

That is all that is needed. Then, print your certificate – or better yet – print two. Bring one to the squadron for documentation.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

P.S. Here's the link to the Essential Aerodynamics course:

[https://www.aopa.org/asf/osc/loginform.cfm?course=aerodynamics&project\\_code=&](https://www.aopa.org/asf/osc/loginform.cfm?course=aerodynamics&project_code=&)

David Jadwin

Lt Col, CAP

NCS Commander

**To ALL CADETS**

**Subject SPAATZ FLIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Attached you will find basic information regarding a partial flight scholarship from The Spaatz Association. There are a few basic requirements. Like:

- Must be a Mitchell cadet
- Must have already soloed

For those of you who are pursuing flight training, keep this in mind! Please see below message and the [websites](#) sent on behalf of;

Stephen Austen, Spaatz Association Advisor...

### **TO ALL CAP CADETS AND CADET PROGRAM LEADERS**

Each year The Spaatz Association awards up to three \$2,500 Aerospace Leadership Scholarships. These are intended to help deserving CAP Cadets "bridge the gap" between their solo and private pilot licenses. We are accepting applications NOW for scholarships to be awarded in March of 2010. Please study the attached information and disseminate it widely among your Cadet Officers. Additional information on how to apply can be seen on our websites:

[spaatz.org](http://spaatz.org) / [tankerbob.com/scholar.htm](http://tankerbob.com/scholar.htm)

Please communicate this information to our Cadets immediately as the deadline for applications is 30 September 2009!

Sincerely Scholarships Team  
The Spaatz Association

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## General Carl A. Spaatz Award



Carl A. Spaatz ribbon

The General Carl A. Spaatz Award is the highest award in the [Civil Air Patrol cadet](#) program. The award honors [General Carl A. Spaatz](#), who was the first [Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force](#) and the second [National Commander of the Civil Air Patrol](#).

The Spaatz Award may be awarded to cadets who "successfully complete all phases of the CAP cadet program and the General Carl A. Spaatz Award examination" consisting of a comprehensive leadership and aerospace education written examination, a graded essay and a physical fitness test. The Spaatz Award is arguably the most difficult honor to earn in the CAP cadet program. Only .05% of CAP cadets ever earn the Spaatz award.

Cadets earning Spaatz Award are also promoted to [Cadet Colonel](#), the highest grade obtainable in the cadet program. Upon reaching the age of 21, Cadet Colonels are eligible to transfer to the Civil Air Patrol Officer program with appointment to the grade of Captain. Cadet Colonels who voluntarily transfer to the Officer program between the ages of 18 and 21 receive the grade Senior Flight Officer.

By regulation, this award should be presented by a military or CAP general officer, governor, congressman, federal judge, or a cabinet-level official.

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## SQUADRON LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

**Capt Dave Henderson**

**Commander 801<sup>st</sup> Squadron**

The school will be held at the Nellis Airman Leadership School Building on June 27 & 28. Cost is \$5 to help cover the cost of printed Student Guides for each student. I am working on getting an agreement that will allow us to eat at the base Dining Hall but that is not a done deal, regardless lunch and breakfast is up to the students and presenters to keep cost down.



Come ready to take an active part, because this will be an interactive show between the presenters and the students. Remember the more you put into the course the more you will get out of it. Below is two day schedule and yes it is a bit longer than what is on the web site. I have been allowed to add two classes to the course to reflect Nevada Wing's growth in SEP Squadrons and the new focus on Recruiting and Retention.

Please email your form 17's to David Henderson at [dhendersoncap@yahoo.com](mailto:dhendersoncap@yahoo.com) to ensure that you get proper credit for attending. The \$5 can be paid at the door. If you wish to use a check make it out to CAP.

**COURSE SCHEDULES FOLLOWS;**

## SLS SCHEDULE....

### Day 1

0800		Arrival, Sign-In, etc.
0830	1.1	Welcome to SLS
0900	2.1	Officership & The Public Trust
1000	4.1	Introduction to Leadership
1130		Lunch
1230	3.1	Squadrons: The Heart of CAP
1400	3.2	Squadron Staff Officers
1530	2.2	Introduction to Professional Development
1630		Depart for Day

### Day2

0800		Arrival, Sign-In, etc.
0830	4.3	Creative Thinking & Problem Solving
1000	4.2	The Staff Officer as Communicator
1130		Lunch
1230	3.3	Individualized Training in Staff Specialties
1400		SEP Squadrons
1500		Recruiting and Retention
1600	1.2	Course Critique & Graduation
1630		Depart
1631		

## TESTING

Last meeting 10 Cadets tested, 7 PASSED. OUR HIGHEST RECORD YET. NEXT TESTING is at the upcoming meeting June 23 at 5:30pm. Contact Mrs. McLaughlin, NCS Testing Officer. Don't forget, PIZZA for all scores of 100%.

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS / EDITOR



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Our Squadron has some grand events coming up in the next two weeks. We need as many NCS Members as possible to participate;

- ✓ The SQUADRON LEADERSHIP SCHOOL is This weekend of June 27 & 28 at the ALS.
- ✓ The Base Exchange / 'BX PROMOTIONAL' will be also happening the same Saturday as the SLS. We will need 4 to 6 Cadets for the front and back entrances to the BX. We will be passing out flyers for our OPEN-HOUSE from 10:00am to 2pm. CONTACT ME via E-mail or at the Meeting if you can commit to just 4 hours this Saturday.
- ✓ NCS OPEN-HOUSE, JUNE 30 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the ALS. This event is being planned to be very interesting and active. We even have an announcement scheduled to be on the computerized marquee at the entrance to the Base.
- ✓ SUMMERLIN PATRIOTIC PARADE, Saturday JULY 4<sup>th</sup>. Short-sleeve blues uniform is required for cadets & preferred for CAP Officers. However, blue polo shirts are also acceptable for CAP Officers. THIS IS PROUD-DEFINED.

Updates on these events and more at Commanders's Call Tuesday's meeting, June 23.

## OUR NEWSLETTER

Newly ranked C/SMSgt Rubin Cruz-Colon has written an interesting pictorial article on his recent trip to Puerto Rico. I would like to see more articles of what we're doing CAP, FAMILY, WORK, PLAY etc. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Dave Sidle's recent parachute jump was also quite interesting; Course we're not the one's hurting. THANKS after ALL...

**THIS IS WHAT WE DO!!**



## Assistant Editor C/CMSgt Cruz-Colon's REPORT & PIX PAGE

### COMBINED SQUADRONS POSTING THE COLORS

June 7 In a combined participation with the 801<sup>st</sup> Squadron, I represented NCS in posting the colors



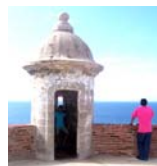
at the Koinonia Homeschool Co-op Promotion Day on June 7<sup>th</sup>. It was a simple yet elegant ceremony where our posting brought compliments to us.

Three Civil Air Patrol members, C/SrAmn Devlin Hayley from NCS, C/CMSgt Michael Johnson from the 801<sup>st</sup>, and myself, were recognized for our achievements in academics and in CAP. < Left Cadets Hayley, Johnson & Cruz >



### MY TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

Here are some pics from my recent trip to Puerto Rico. Most of the pics are from Old San Juan, a city which walls were built by the Spaniards more than 500 years ago for protection against pirates



and enemy nations. The "Enchanted Island," as its nickname says, is a 100 x 35 miles paradise in the Caribbean where warm waters can be enjoyed year round. Most of the time we stayed

with family members, but this time we vacationed five minutes away from the international airport in Isla Verde, one of the most famous tourist areas in the island. Two of the highlights of the trip



were when little sister found a starfish near the seashore and going parasailing with my brother.



AWESOME!!

